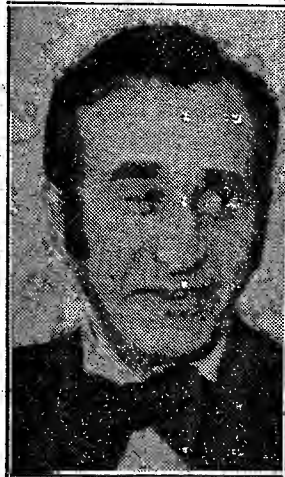


Congress Urged CIA, FBI Withheld Evidence: Belin

Washington, Nov. 22 (UPI)—A Warren Commission lawyer asked Congress today to reopen the investigation of President John F. Kennedy's assassination partly because of what he called "inexcusable dereliction of duty" by the CIA and FBI in withholding evidence from the original inquiry.

David W. Belin, a leading defender of the commission's report, said he was confident that a thorough new investigation would confirm the conclusion reached in September 1964 by the panel headed by the late Chief Justice Earl Warren that Lee Harvey Oswald "beyond a reasonable doubt" was Kennedy's lone killer.



David Belin
Still defends commission

But Belin refused to rule out the possibility that evidence of a conspiracy might some day surface.

Belin, now an Iowa attorney, served as a member of the Warren Commission staff and later as staff director of the recent Rockefeller Commission. In the latter job he saw evidence for the first time that the CIA had plotted to kill Cuban Premier Fidel Castro.

Wants Data Released

Belin announced today that he had filed requests under the Freedom of Information Act for the release of all materials relating to the assassination held by the CIA and the National Archives, including Kennedy autopsy photographs and X-rays. He said that withholding of the medical reports at the request of the family had been a mistake.

No material uncovered since

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to Reopen JFK Probe



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Members of the Kennedy family marked yesterday the 12th anniversary of the assassination of President John F. Kennedy with a graveside visit at Arlington National Cemetery. Sen. Edward Kennedy (D-Mass.) stands behind Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy (third from right) as she kneels in prayer surrounded by several of family's children.

1964 "in any way disproves" the Warren Commission's conclusions about Oswald, Belin said; but he added:

"To the extent that the CIA and the FBI failed to disclose all relevant evidence to the Warren Commission, there was an inexcusable dereliction of duty on the part of these governmental agencies." Belin issued his statement on the 12th anniversary of Kennedy's death in Dallas.

In the statement, and in a telephone interview, he emphasized his certainty that

any new investigation would conclude that Oswald killed both Kennedy and Dallas policeman J. D. Tippit, even if the investigators were given access to CIA and FBI evidence that the Warren Commission never saw.

He's Not Certain

Belin added in the telephone interview, however: "I cannot be absolutely certain that no evidence will ever turn up indicating a conspiracy."

In his statement, he said Congress should look for "any credible evidence of any foreign con-

spiracy" in the Kennedy assassination.

"However," he said, "I want to state specifically that I do not know of any direct evidence that proves the existence of any foreign (or domestic) conspiracy..."

"But there may some additional light shed on what motivated Oswald to kill President Kennedy."

Belin said he was requesting the new investigation as "a concerned, independent citizen," chiefly in an effort to "contribute toward a rebirth of confidence and trust in government."